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## **EOIR Swears In Omaha Immigration Judge**

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) Director Kevin A. Ohlson announced that an immigration judge was sworn in today during an investiture ceremony at EOIR Headquarters in Falls Church, Va.

Chief Immigration Judge David L. Neal administered the oath of office to Jack L. Anderson, who is serving at the Omaha Immigration Court.

The judge was appointed by the Attorney General after completing a rigorous application, evaluation, and interview process. He joins the ranks of more than 220 immigration judges located in more than 50 immigration courts nationwide.

Immigration judges conduct administrative courtroom proceedings. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — who are charged by the Department of Homeland Security with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or may be granted relief from removal and permitted to remain in this country. Immigration judges decide cases based on U.S. immigration law and on a case-by-case basis. Their decisions are final unless appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals. In Fiscal Year 2007, immigration judges completed more than 270,000 proceedings.

Biographical information for Judge Anderson follows.

## Jack L. Anderson, Immigration Judge

Judge Anderson was appointed as an immigration judge in November 2008. He received a juris doctorate in 1983 from William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minn. From June 2006 to November 2008, Judge Anderson was a hearing officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in Lawrence, Kan. From 1972 to 1976 and again from 1983 to 2006, Judge Anderson was in the U.S. Air Force, serving in many legal capacities, including as a military trial judge. He is a member of the Minnesota Bar.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals—who are charged by the Department of Homeland Security with violating immigration law—should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.